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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 572
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A RESOLUTION urging the State Building Commission to name the Johnson City Tennessee Highway Patrol Office at John Exum Parkway in honor of the late James Seehorn.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and commemorate the accomplishments of those sterling public servants who have served this State with the greatest acumen, integrity, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the late James Seehorn is most assuredly one such praiseworthy public servant who, throughout his life, diligently safeguarded the interests and welfare of the good people of Washington County and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seehorn began his remarkable career in public service prior to World War II, serving as a guard at the State work camp in Mountain City; soon after the United States entered the War, he accepted a position as an Officer with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, in which capacity he served until his retirement from the State in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, his first assignment was as a Motorcycle Officer in Knoxville; later, he was assigned to patrol all of Northeast Tennessee and he served in this capacity until his transfer to the newly opened barracks in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Seehorn was serving at the rank of Sergeant in 1963, the Tennessee Highway Patrol moved its offices to its present location on John Exum Parkway; and

WHEREAS, during his years of distinguished service as a Tennessee State Trooper, James Seehorn earned the respect of his fellow officers, his superiors, and the citizens he served and protected for his dedication, common sense, and valor; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Seehorn was elected Sheriff of Washington County; during his progressive three terms and six years in office, he secured federal grants, purchased eight new squad cars for Washington County, organized the County into patrol zones, and secured raises for his employees; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious and committed public servant, he also served for many years as a member of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, in which position he was instrumental in the construction of several major bridges in his district; and

WHEREAS, as a Tennessee State Trooper, the Sheriff of Washington County, a County Commissioner of Washington County, and in all his public service endeavors, James Seehorn served the citizenry of Washington County and this State with integrity and probity; and

WHEREAS, men of Mr. Seehorn's eminent stature do not often walk among us; his imprint upon his community and its citizens is truly indelible, and it is fitting that the State Building Commission name in his honor the Tennessee Highway Patrol Office located in Johnson City, the community that he loved so dearly and served so well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby urge and encourage the State Building Commission to name the Tennessee Highway Patrol Office at John Exum Parkway in Johnson City in memory of the

late James Seehorn, as a lasting tribute to his lifetime of courageous and steadfast service to the citizens of Washington County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Building Commission is urged and encouraged to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the Johnson City Tennessee Highway Patrol Office at John Exum Parkway as the "James Seehorn Tennessee Highway Patrol Office".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Building Commission, and that an additional copy be prepared for presentation to the family of the late James Seehorn.